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THE ICON CORNER

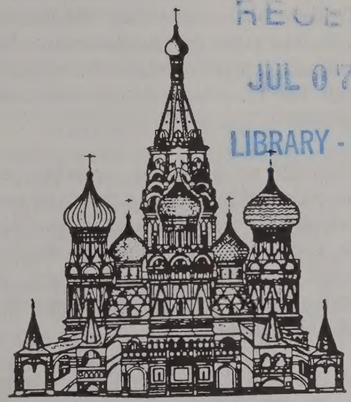
The first thing that should be done when an Orthodox Christian family moves into a new apartment or house is to determine which eastern wall or corner can be turned into the icon corner. This should not be a non-conspicuous place where the icons will be hidden from people's eyes, rather it should be a very prominent spot which all can see. The icon corner should have icons of Christ and the Mother of God as well as icons of the saints for whom the family has particular devotion. Many times an Orthodox family chooses a particular saint to whom they wish to dedicate their family church, and place it under his or her protection. The icons in the icon corner of a family church dedicated to a saint will, of course, have an icon of the saint together with those of Christ and the Mother of God.

The icon corner will either have a small table or a shelf upon which may be placed prayer books, a hand censer, a bottle of holy water, a blessing cross, the candles that the husband and wife held at their wedding, holy oil, palm branches and sometimes other religious objects. In front of the icons an oil lamp should hang and perpetually burn. Some families burn wax votive candles before the icons; however, the tradition is to burn olive oil. **Electric lights are not appropriate for use as the light to burn before icons.** The traditional oil lamps require an amount of attention which electricity does not, thereby directing our physical services and thoughts to God several times a day when we are required to trim the wick and fill the lamp with oil.

REMEMBER THEM, O LORD

Among those we pray for are the following clergy who died during the month of July. They had been very supportive in our publishing of **The Orthodox Herald**: 1952-1994.

Special mention is made of **Fr. Peter Bohush**, who was a co-founder. Others are: Frs. Karp Pateyuk, Alexander Popoff, William Hochachka and Gregory Soroka.



Покровский собор "На рву"
Храм Василия Блаженного

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JULY

POKROVSKI CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF BASIL THE BLESSED

The church building in Russia, which we see depicted most often and which is a symbol of that country, is the Pokrovsky (Protection) Cathedral, which is commonly known as St. Basil's and is located on Red Square in Moscow. It is the oldest building on the Square except for the Kremlin itself having been built from 1555-60 by Ivan the Terrible to commemorate the victory over the Tartars at Kazan in 1552 and at Astrakhan in 1554. Although the Crimean Tartars raided Moscow in 1571, the two earlier victories signaled that the threat from the Tartars was over.

The building as it now stands is made up of nine separate churches, each of them surmounted by a colorful cupola, which differs from each other in design and color. The exotic colors now decorating the cupolas replaced the more subtle colors, which were used prior to the 18th century.

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I DIDN'T KNOW (7)

Schindler's List has been much in the news lately. It is the story of about one thousand Jews who were saved from a death camp by being chosen to work in a factory near Krakow, Poland.

There were also thousands of Lemkos living just south of Krakow, who were caught up in the Holocaust. Unfortunately, nothing or little is heard about them or those of an earlier Holocaust, which took place between 1914-17. Names like Terezin and Telerhof are infamous in history because thousands of Lemkos were tortured and killed in camps located in these towns in what was at that time the Austro-Hungarian Empire ruled by Franz Joseph I.

These two Holocausts are almost lost to history because they were so horrendous that the survivors or those who fled and made it to America never spoke about it. The memories were too painful to recall. We get many letters thanking us for this series "I Didn't Know" because their parents or grandparents never told them about the horrors or their experiences in their homeland.

It has been written that Schindler's Jews remained a footnote after the War; unfortunately, the Lemkos were not even accorded this recognition. Part of the reason may have been that many of them were illiterate or they feared for the safety of those they left behind.

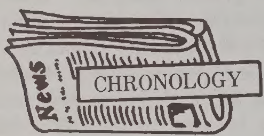
Here is the story.

From 1914-17, the aim of the Austro-Hungarian government was to exterminate the Lemko-Halichian people. To this end they resettled some people, took others to concentration camps far from their homeland and killed the others on the spot.

The military of Franz-Joseph would come to a Lemko village, demand that all who lived there gather at a central location where they would be told to get a sack of potatoes and come back. They were pushed into cattle cars and taken to a prison clearing place in Peremyshl or Lvov. Those who resisted and balked at leaving all their possessions behind were

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CHRONOLOGY
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DIED: Matushka Anna Kreta in Tucson, AZ. She was the widow of Fr. Peter M. Kreta of McKeesport, PA.

THE 68TH NATIONAL FROC CONVENTION will be held in Harrisburg, PA on Labor Day weekend from 1-5 September. For more information or to place ad in souvenir book write: 5501 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109-5623.

NEEDED: A printer and Graphic Arts Manager at New Sarov Press, located in Blanco, Texas. Call (210) 833-5363 for info.

TRIP TO HOLY LAND. Guided by Bishop Paul and Fr. White of Wilkes-Barre, PA. Under $1850. From 25 Sept. to 5 Oct. Call (717) 823-0905.

During the summer, subscriptions are down. Many papers do not publish during these months. We print an issue each month. Please keep up our morale during these months by giving a gift subscription. How about that relative at the family reunion or to a former Sunday School student who is now graduating from high school or college? Perhaps, someone who is interested in the geneology of the family might find the "I Didn't Know" columns useful.

HALOES ARE NOT FOUND on all saints in Orthodox icons, according to a new book **The Ikon as Scripture** by Bishop Lazar Puhalo, which is available for $6.50 from Synaxis Press, 37323 Hawkins Rd., Dewdney, BC, VOM-1HO, Canada. Good guide for anyone wanting to understand icons.

THE MONASTERY OF THE HOLY CROSS has moved from Washington, D.C. to 19520 Darnestown Rd., Beallsville, MD 20839-0152. It is affiliated with the Carpatho-Russian Diocese in Johnstown, PA.

PALEKH plates, boxes, brooches, etc. are collected by many. A book **Unknown Palekh** by Vera Torzhkova is available for $16.95 ppd, from Oakwood Publications, 3827 Bluff St., Torrance, CA 90505-6359. The book has 80 pages and 50 full color plates.

AN ORTHODOX EXHIBITION "Heaven on Earth" has been set up by the Municipal Museum of Anchorage, AK. The exhibit will show many unique items, among them icons and liturgical vessels brought from Siberia. The exhibit will travel to some major U.S. cities.

GREAT WRITERS such as Dostoyevski, Khomiakov were influenced by the Russian translation of the **Philocalia**, which was done by St. Paisius Velichovski in 1793. The Philocalia is a spiritual book, which is available in the English language, translated from St. Paisius Russian translation. It is 200 years since St. Paisius died (1722-1794). A missionary school bearing his name functions in Forestville, CA. (917) 887-9740.

A FATAL DISEASE was brought to Kodiak, Alaska by a ship coming from the U.S. in 1817. The month long epidemic lasting a month left many children orphans. St. Herman took the orphans to Spruce Island, where he built an orphanage and school for them.

AN ORTHODOX TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM will be held at Antiochian Village in Ligonier, PA from 14-16 October. For info contact: Dr. John Boojamra, 4 Evergreen Pl., Demarest, NJ 07627.

A 1994 BIBLE GUIDE, published by the UOL of the USA, is available from Dr. Gayle Woloschak, 899 S. Plymouth Ct., #303, Chicago, IL 60605.

CHURCHES ARE NOT TAXED but many towns now require them to pay or donate to compensate for the services provided (like fire and police protection).

AN ENTIRE CODE of the Eastern Catholic Church Law as promulgated on 18 October 1990 can be found in a 700-page commentary by Msgr. Victor Popishil in **Eastern Catholic Church Law.** Of special interest are the changed attitude toward the Orthodox Church, the detailed sections on the sacraments, authority and administration and a closing section on Orthodox Canon Law. Send $51.95 for a ppd copy to St. Maron Publications, 8120 15th Ave., P.O. Box 280036, Brooklyn, NY 11228.

BLESS THE LORD is a cassette of brief readings from St. Athanasius **On The Psalms** and music sung by St. Mary Magdalen Mission Choir. To receive a pdd copy send $8 to Fr. Stephen Morris, 100 Bennett Ave., Apt. #5J, New York, NY 10033.

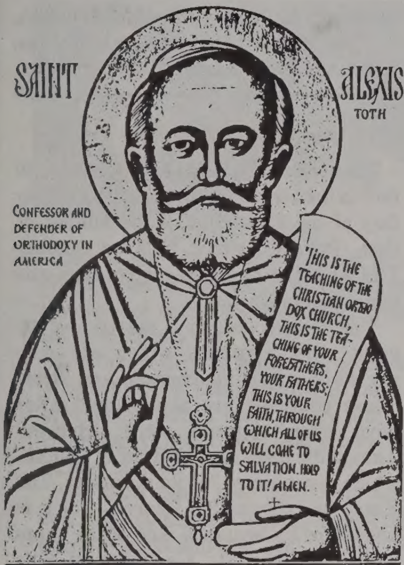
THE CATHEDRAL of Our Lady of Kazan was consecrated on Red Square in Moscow. The rebuilt church replaces one which was destroyed 70 years ago. The church replaces one which had been built on the same spot 382 years ago. It was rebuilt according to the original plans, which had been preserved by P D Baranovsky at much risk and foresight.

BY A STRANGE TWIST OF FATE neither the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad nor the Moscow Patriarchate in the U.S. belong to SCOBA.

ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN has returned to Russia. His sons will continue to "homestead" at the home in Cavendish, VT where Solzhenitsyn had moved in 1976, two years after he was expelled from the Soviet Union.

MISSION FUND

Sending copies to areas other than Alaska to inform about the Orthodox faith are: Anna Tovcimak, Valentina Prusaczyk, Nicholas Sinchuk, Thomas W. Remchick, Mary Cuprik, Lillian Lovchuk, Lillian Husted, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Libertin, Angelyn Mitchell, Steve and Irene Pacak, Ethel Watlock. **Alex Lezinsky** in memory of Mary and Mark Lezinsky.



ST. ALEXIS

Last month, we were present at the service where Fr. Alexis Toth, a priest who served in Minneapolis, MN and Wilkes-Barre, PA was recognized as a saint of the Orthodox Church with his name to be placed in the listing of the Church Calendar on May 7.

While at the St. Tikhon's Monastery in So. Canaan, PA, where the service took place, we heard a person remark: "It's hard to think of someone as a saint who lived in our century." Most of us do think of a saint as being someone who lived thousands of years ago. Their lives are of interest to us but it is difficult for us to relate to them. Dying by some of the tortures recorded in "Lives of the Saints" seems more like a horror story. Here in St. Alexis we have a saint that is almost a contemporary. In fact, we know some of the people who have been baptized by him! We are listing their names elsewhere in this issue and are asking for names and cities of others who have been so blessed so that we may list them in forthcoming issues of the paper.

The glorious and joyous services of the Recognition/Canonization of St. Alexis was filled with pomp, ceremony and memorable music and readings brought to mind part of his will which read: Let my funeral be simple without pomp or wreaths and a casket as cheap as possible. Eulogies need not be said; but let everyone pray for my soul, which stands in fear before God's judgment throne."

Fr. Alexis's Will was published in a Wilkes-Barre paper on May 11, 1909 and it gives us a picture of his person.

"Submitting my soul to the mercy of God, and asking everybody's forgiveness and forgiving everybody. I remain faithful to the Orthodox Catholic doctrines up to my last minute, believing and professing myself, and submitting myself to the prayers of all...

"Wealth I have none. From the amount of life insurance let all my debts be paid, and what is left is to be given to the South Canaan Monastery."

WINTER GRACE (9)

People who slow down after retirement may speed up their slide toward the underground, according to recent studies on what keeps people healthy and alert.

It found that people who don't engage in intellectual activities soon lose that ability. They also found that people have been able to regain mental alertness if they took on mental challenges. In fact, they found that mental IQ can go up after retirement years.

Suggested were such things as bridge, crossword puzzles and reading, but they said that "Bingo kills the mind." TV does the same thing and can make you a mental couch potato as well as a physical couch potato.

The study was presented to the American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science in March 1994.

•I Don't Know (7)

shot on the spot. On this first leg of their journey, they received no compassion from the villages through which the train passed. Whenever the train stopped, people jeered and laughed at them and threw stones. Perhaps, they had sympathy but they were worried about their own fate and thought that by showing loyalty to the government they would be spared.

After about a week, the victims (Lemkos) began the second leg of their journey. They were stuffed into unmarked railroad cattle cars without food or water which were unventilated, windowless and without toilet facilities. Although it was August and the temperature soared, the doors were sealed and remained so for the week of travel. Many people became sick, some died, the stench was unbearable. Some went mad, others tried to commit suicide. And the methods are recorded.

The train finally arrived at a village near Graz, Austria. Here they stumbled out of the cattle cars and were forced to endure the third leg of their trip on foot.

ETHNIC CHUCKLE

Dorohaya Tyotya Maria,

Yak tam kolo vas? To oo nas shitko OK.

Ve svedalee za vashaho brata Yurka. Me to oo Amereeshe calling yeho Uncle George. Anyway, ya budyu vam pisatee za malee incident ee Uncle George. Couple a months ago, ohn maw 65 birthday ee to oo Amerikee people edyut na retirement. Yeho zhena, me Aunt Olga make him takee barz velekee retirement party. Bullo takee nice party. Shitkee nashee krayanee e family preshlee ee meh malee family reunion. Meh yelee ee pillee ee tainsovalee do ranaa. Yah vam nhe mushyu pesatee yak nashe holovee feelooyut next day.

Aunt Olga myenee call na telephone couple of days ago ee povela me zhe ohna dumala zhe ohna scrazuyeh since Uncle George na retirement. Ohna me kashe zhe first Monday zhe neh mushee go to work ohn put kitchen chair na center of room. Stal na yhem, put up hi sarm yak Statue of Liberty ee srobeel proclamation: "Yah teper free man; yah nhe musyu nech robitee." EE, ohn nech ney doing!

Day after day, ohn sitting watching TV. Aunt Olga may extra cooking, ee cleaning, ee waiting na yeho. Ohn yelling: "Olyha, druhyu pevo." "Olyha, what you doing?" "Olyha, Olyha, Olyha" kretcha all day long.

Aunt Olga, me said zhe finally ohna mala enough. One morning, ohna stala na kitchen chair, ee kashe to Uncle George. "Kolee ya bulla yu night school na citizen classes ohnee mee povelee zhe na Statue of Liberty kashe: 'Give me yor tired, weary.' Ohna made pose like Statue of Liberty ee zrobela prouncement:" Yah 62, yah retired, boh like Statue of Liberty say yah tired e weary."

EE ohna peeshla nah retirement ot housework ee waiting nah Uncle George. Ohna kazhe zhe she will not do anything until ohnee make a truce.

Yak yeh povella: "Hang in there."

Budtey Zdrovyee,
Family reporter, Hanya.

CHUCKLE

Teacher (in chemistry class): "What is the formula for water?
Pupil: "H-i-j-k-l-m-n-o."
Teacher: "Whoever told you that?"
Pupil: "You did. You said the formula for water was H to O."

THIS AND THAT

It is interesting to note that although most parish choirs are composed mainly of women the Bicentennial Choirs have all male singers.

Why are we encouraged to read the Lives of the Saints? In the many paths leading to God, which are revealed in the lives of the saints, we can discover our own path. Besides this we can receive guidance to help us emerge from the jungle in which we have become entangled through our human sinfulness, and in this way we may gain access to the path which leads towards saintliness.

We humans cannot find peace of heart unless we find meaning in life. Meaning is that in which our hearts find rest. We never achieve meaning as one achieves a purpose by hard work. It is always received as pure gift. And yet we must give meaning to our lives. How can we do this? Through gratefulness. Gratefulness is the inner gesture of giving meaning to our life by receiving life as gift. The deepest meaning of any given moment lies in the fact that it is given. Gratefulness recognizes, acknowledges, and celebrates this meaning.

The worst sorrows in life are not in its losses and misfortunes but in its fears and anxiety. Pray that you be filled with a continual sense of His presence, which will dispel all your fears and anxieties with His peace.

In much of the Carpathian region, it was traditional to name the oldest daughter - Mary, the second - Anna, and the third - Helen.

We participate in another's sins: by counsel, by command, by concealment, by partaking, by praise or flattery, by consent, by provocation, by silence, and by defense of the sins committed.

A priest always turns clockwise when turning to face the people.

Jesus used wine at the Last Supper. The Jews have always used wine for Passover. Besides this, there is no fresh grape juice available in the Holy Land in the spring.

Part-time faith, as a part-time job, will not fully support you.

CHRISTIAN NAME

Why must a person take a Christian name when being baptized? Some parents of a baby about to be baptized are not at all happy when the priest tells them that the baby must bear the name of a saint taken from a listing which he has.

A baby is given a Christian name in token of its covenant (a solemn agreement) with Christ, as a pledge that it may hope for salvation with the saints, and as a reminder that it must emulate the life of the saint whose name it bears.

As the giving of a name is of great importance in a person's life, the day which is sacred to the memory of the saint whose name he bears (on the day which the saint is remembered on the church calendar) is called a person's "name's day," and to that person this day is a festive one worthy of a celebration, and a day on which he or she asks the help of God and the saint towards leading a life worthy of that name.

Orthodox Christians look on their saints as on guardian angels; therefore, we often hear of a person's "name's day" referred to as a person's "angel's day" "Den angela."

The greatest gift one can give a young person is an ikon and the story of their saint. They are easily obtainable.

•Bible Study

Ask yourself whom do you most resemble in this story — the first owner of the field who has no idea of its true value or the man who uncovers the treasure?

Most of us are like the original owner. Happiness may lie in our own backyard but we never think to search for it there. In fact, few ever bother to search anywhere for the treasure of happiness at all. Instead, we complain about our lot in life and convince ourselves that we will never be truly happy. So why try?

Jesus' second story answers the question masterfully. He tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is a merchant in search of a treasure not just the treasure itself.

Happiness comes to those who actively reach for what they love and want. It does not come to those who merely brood about their misery. Those who no longer strive to uncover the treasure of love and excitement we yearn for.

In both stories, the person who discovers the treasure is willing to trade everything for it because he knows in his heart that nothing is more precious. It's in this pursuit that we acquire the fullness of life's treasures.

•Pokrovski Cathedral)

The central and main church soars 150 feet in the air. It is dedicated to the Holy Day of the Protection of the Mother of God (Pokrov), which falls on October 1/14 for this is on the day when Ivan was victorious in Kazan.

This central church is surrounded by eight other churches which are connected by a twisting corridor and steps. These churches are also named after days when victories were achieved. Among the eight are the Trinity Church, which is renowned for its ikonastas, The Entry into Jerusalem Church, which is known for its beautiful ikon of the same name, and the St. Alexander of Svir Church, which has the most beautiful interior design.

If none of the churches in this cathedral building are dedicated to St. Basil, why is it known by this name? In 1588, a church dedicated to St. Basil was built right near the main cathedral building. It was dedicated to St. Basil, a holy man in Moscow who it is said had considerable influence on Ivan. His church gave the whole cathedral complex of 10 churches its popular name.

The cathedral was damaged in 1611 by the Poles and by Napolean in 1815. At the present time, it serves primarily as a museum and seems to be under constant repair.

CHUCKLE

Three grandchildren came to visit their grandfather for a few days. He had forgotten how much young people can eat and drink. He went to the supermarket and bought them some cola. They saw him pouring the cola from a bottle that had a generic label, and after tasting it and making ugly faces, they said they couldn't drink it because it tasted bad.

After they went out on the patio, grandpa went into the garage and found an old 2 litre name brand Coke bottle. He poured the generic cola into the name brand bottle and put it into the refrigerator to chill.

Later when he gave it to them to drink they said: "Ahh, Gedo, that's more like it — the real thing!"



EDITORS' NOTES

One of the advantages of living many years is seeing the results of actions and behavior of ourselves and others whom we have known part.

It is interesting to watch the unfolding of colorful lives. Some begin well and end in tragedy. Others start poorly and end victoriously. Still others end pretty well as they started.

We have found that those who begin well must continue to be diligent lest they become overconfident and fall by the way. Those who begin miserably must not despair or be too discouraged. There is the blessed hope of remedying and improving as we go along.

Early in life highly desirable goals must be set. We must aim higher. We can not reach satisfactory destinies unless we direct life with full purpose. We do not stumble into success.

We need the anchorage of great convictions, else we will drift far afield. In fact, contrary winds will drive us in all directions save the right ones.

We need sound guidelines, else we will have no sense of direction. We can do much traveling but will get nowhere unless it be the wrong place.

There is a serious attack on the idea of definite convictions and guidelines. Unfortunately, this day and age, if religious values are used as guides they are scoffed at. But they are the everlasting values which, if followed, bring predictable results.

It was interesting studying the life of St. Alexis because he could be identified as a "modern" saint. What made him set the goals which he did? How much tribulation did he endure before they were reached? Certainly his writings give us a clue. His goal and attainment was so praiseworthy that he has been recognized as a saint. It was a very emotional experience to be present at his Glorification on May 29 at St. Tikhon's Monastery in So. Canaan, PA. St. (Father) Alexis pray before God for us!

Fr. and Matushka Stroyen

Co-editors: 1952-1994

THE MONTH OF JULY

At the present time July is the 7th month on our calendar. Originally, it was the 5th month of the year and as such was called Quinctilis by the Romans.

The name July was taken from the Latin name Julius and was given in honor of Julius Caesar, who was born in this month.

There are many colorful names given to this month. The Anglo-Saxons called July Moed-monad or "Mead month" from the meadows being in bloom. Another name they used was "the later mild month" in contradiction to June which they named "the former mild month."

Many of our people know it as "Lepetz" from the word **Lepa**, which means Linden tree in the English language.

Other names for the tree are basswood and lime tree. July was named Lepetz because the lepa is in full blossom this month. It is a much favored tree in much of Europe. Our people say that the honey made from the lepa is the best. They also used the dried blossom as a herbal tea. Herbalists recommend it for nervousness, insomnia, and indigestion. Lepa blossom baths were used to calm irritable or restless babies.

July days hold a very special richness, especially for us in the northeast part of the United States. Plentiful, warm sunlight or refreshing rain showers; family days of picnics, barbecues and the laughter of children splashing in water; the cool taste of watermelon, the sight of colorful butterflies weaving through summer breezes, nights rich with nature's sounds. July is a period of abundance when nature celebrates and so do we.

Who could fail to feel blessed by the goodness of July? Who could not give thanks for the beauty and life that flourishes at every turn? We long to cry out our joy and gratitude to the One who gives it all for our enjoyment. Yes, all in July requires a response from us. We are compelled from inside ourselves to sing; "Thank You, thank You, thank You."

Our hearts leap up in praise and thanks to God whenever we become aware of His goodness and to the goodness of life. This can happen when we realize how healthy we are or how blessed we are to have the simple gifts of food and shelter and companionship. It can happen when we realize how beautiful are those whom we love and with whom we share life in a special way.

Praise and thanksgiving as forms of prayer are spontaneous, but they can also be more formal and planned. Worship as in the Divine Liturgy is a planned form of praise and thanks. So are many passages of the Bible. Perhaps one of the most popular psalms of thanksgiving is Psalm 100, which reads:

> "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
> Serve the Lord with gladness;
> Come before His presence with singing.
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> Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
> For the Lord is good;
> His mercy is everlasting,
> And His truth endures to all generations."

AT DEATH

So many traditions have been eliminated since it has become popular to use the facilities of a funeral home instead of a residence. According to Orthodox tradition, the Psalter should be read. This reading comforts those who are mourning. Isn't this better than the awkard silence or chatter to excessiveness? The Psalter is read before and after the Parastas (Memorial Service).

An ikon of the Saviour should be placed in the hand of the dead to show that he has believed in Christ and has surrendered his soul to Him and that in life he beheld the Lord by anticipation and that now he is going to see Him face to face. Sometimes the baptism candle and the person's favorite prayer book is also put under the hands.

Another custom which has been all but forgotten is that traditionally at the memorial lunch following the burial, fish and wine are served. This should be a meatless meal. Those in attendance at the memorial lunch would comment about their experiences with the person who reposed in the Lord — this is part of the Eternal Memory.

ALASKA FUND

Helping send copies of **The Orthodox Herald** to Alaska are: Anna Tovcimak, Irene Starr, Valentina Prusaczyk, Helen Smereka, Helen Woods, Nicholas Sinchuk, Thomas Remchick, Mary Cuprik, Lillian Lovchuk, Lillian Husted, Mary Kobani, Angelyn Mitchell, Steve and Irene Pacak, **Ethel Watlock.**



One of the presents which is much appreciated by relatives in the Carpatheans is gelatin both flavored and unflavored. To make it gel, they put it in the refrigerator like we do but those who may not have a refrigerator but live in a village put it down the well. A dish I especially enjoyed was the Molded Borsch, a bit fancier than the traditional borshok, which is served chilled in the summer.

Molded Borsch

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
¾ cup cold water
1 can Campbell's consomme
1 (8 oz.) can diced red beets
1 Tbls. lemon juice
2 Tbls. green onions
1 cup sour cream
1 Tbls. fresh dill, optional

In saucepan, sprinkle gelatin on cold water to soften. Place over low heat, stir until gelatin is dissolved. Remove from heat. Stir in consomme, lemon juice and liquid from drained beets. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in beets and 1 Tbls. of the green onion thinly sliced. Pour into 4 cup ring mold. Chill until firm. Unmold on lettuce. Fill center of mold with sour cream. Garnish with the remaining green onion finely sliced and chopped dill, if desired.

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JULY '94

1. Matt 9:14-17
2. 7:1-8
3. **4:18-23 - Sunday**
4. 9:36-10:8
5. 10:9-15
6. 10:16-22
7. Luke 1:25, 57-68, 76, 80
8. Matt 10:32-36, 11:1
9. 7:24-8:4
10. **6:22-33 - Sunday**
11. 11:2-15
12. 16:13-19
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BIBLE STUDY

The reading for July 29 from Matt 13:44-54 could really be divided into three parts and yet although it contains several parables and some instruction of Jesus to the scribe, it may be read as a whole. In the parables Jesus tells us what "the kingdom of God is."

We'll discuss verses 44-46 which reads: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

These parables of Jesus about the Kingdom of Heaven are helpful on the subject of happiness. He could be talking as much about life on earth as He is about life after death. Jesus is teaching us about the kingdom that is "within us." If we translate this into modern psychological jargon, we will realize that He is teaching us what it means to be mentally healthy and, more important, how to be inwardly happy. In the passage quoted above, Jesus uses two analogies for the Kingdom of Heaven. In one He compares it to a treasure hidden in a field. Then He tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is also like a merchant in search of a treasure. Though they seem to be similar, these analogies are really two sides of a coin, two snapshots of happiness from different angles.

The first point Jesus makes is that happiness is like a hidden treasure that must be searched for and discovered. Many young people find this lesson hard to take. They think happiness comes spontaneously. However, those who have experienced a few of life's disappointments know that Jesus is being realistic. Happiness does not come easily for most of us.

Jesus' second point is more subtle. He wants us to reflect on how we pursue happiness. Are we searching for it seriously? Or are we just making do with life? These questions come to mind as we wonder about the man who owned the field with the treasure. Perhaps he did not know what was hidden there. Maybe he knew but didn't realize what it was worth. How surprised he must have been when a stranger offered him a small fortune for this land. Perhaps he thought the man was crazy. Here was a man who had sold everything he owned for the money to buy a piece of land. He probably thought he was pulling a fast one on the buyer.

But the buyer knew what he was doing. He took an enormous risk. In fact, he risked everything for this treasure. He knew he had found something more valuable than anything else in the world.

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